

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Masahiro Serizawa

Application No.: 09/980,275

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Art Unit: 2626

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For: DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR  
ENCODING/DECODING OF SPEECH WITH  
FUNCTION OF ENCODING SILENT PERIOD

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Examiner: J. He

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2011, finally rejecting claims 1, 16, 22, 28, 34, 51, 57, 74, 79 and 84, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 20 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	86	-88* =	0	x \$52.00	\$0.00
Independent	18	-18** =	0	x \$220.00	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

\*not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.